

**MINUTES OF THE 2010 IMSSU ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY
30 SEPTEMBER 2010 IN CAPE TOWN SOUTH AFRICA
(amended)**

The President declared the meeting open at 08.12pm and welcomed all Council members and Delegates.

Present:

Boutcher Rob	Australia	President
Beurtheret Jean-Pierre	France	General Secretary
Boulangier Michel	France	Council Member
Schuh Sigrid	Germany	Vice President
De Lange Phillip	South Africa	Council Member
Starke Ludy	South Africa	Vice President
Kelo Toni	Finland	Council Member
Glosimot Birger	Norway	Vice President
Mäkelä Sami	Finland	Vice President
Theelen Henri	The Netherlands	Council Member
Malan Morné	Namibia	Council Member
Venter Johan	Namibia	Council Member
Laban Michael	Zimbabwe	Council Member
Post Wulf	Germany	Delegate
Andrews Ray	Australia	Delegate
Bain Ron	USA	Observer

Apologies:

None

Proxies: The General Secretary advised that proxies were held by a number of Delegates

1. Sweden to Norway
2. Ireland to Finland
3. Czech Republic to Australia
4. Switzerland to France
5. Austria to Germany

All Countries have two votes and those Countries holding proxies have two votes for the proxy.

Jean-Pierre introduced Ron Bain from the USA as an observer and explained that the USA is currently experiencing problems with regard to communication between members and IMSSU.

Point 1 – President’s Report:

1.1 New Member – Very pleasing to receive an application from Greece for membership of the IMSSU.

- 1.2 Web Site – Is up and running. Contact person is Deon Dixon. Rob requests all members to contribute by providing information to Deon to ensure that the web site is kept up to date.
- 1.3 A proposal for Air Pistol and Rifle rules has been received and will be discussed.
- 1.4 Rob informed the delegates that it appears that membership is not increasing as people do not appear to want to commit themselves to a sport. He also advised that this was in a number of sports, not only shooting. He encouraged all to try to increase the membership in each country by introducing young people to silhouette shooting.
- 1.5 Rob praised the few people who put together these World Championships in Atlantis and would like to place on record his thanks to Western Province and SAMSSA members who on behalf of IMSSU organized the 9th IMSSU World Championships. The members are Juan de Greeff, Wag Nel, Deon Dixon, Pixi Lee Gillow, Wouter de Waal, Gunther Tonitz, Sarel Swanepoel, Ludy Starke and Phillip de Lange (Chairman).

Point 2 – General Secretary’s Report:

Jean-Pierre informed delegates that only four countries had submitted a presentation for the web site. He said it was very disappointing as 12 months ago the first email was sent to all delegates requesting information to be submitted for the web site. The web site is a platform for the countries to represent themselves and to introduce themselves to the rest of the world.

Point 3 – Financial Report:

Jean-Pierre advised that the official financial reports were in Michel Boulanger’s suitcase that had been lost in transit by Air France. He apologized and assured the delegates that the official financial reports will be forwarded as soon as possible. Michel advised that there is approximately €50,000.00 in the bank and the only expense is the web site of approximately €8,000.00 (awaiting invoice). The balance in bank will then be approximately €42,000.00. The correct balance will be included in the minutes.

Michel’s suitcase was retrieved by Air France. Once the IMSSU web site is paid, the amount of the IMSSU resources is of €49,882.48.

Zimbabwe has not paid since 2007 due to members not attending the General Assembly. (It is extremely difficult to send funds out of Zimbabwe) The delegate from Zimbabwe paid 2007, 2008 and half of 2009 and advised that the remainder would be paid at a later date.

Point 4 – Approval of the accounts for the previous two years:

Voting could not take place and will be done on receipt of official financial report by the delegates.

Point 5 – Vote for the renewal of the Council by the General Assembly:

Due to an oversight at a previous General Assembly, Esko Lempola from Finland had been elected to the Council. Esko withdrew his nomination at this General Assembly as only a maximum of two delegates from the same country may be elected. The candidates are:

Beurtheret Jean-Pierre	France
Paolini Bernhard	Switzerland
Kelo Toni	Finland

No objections were received and the meeting voted unanimously to approve the election of these nominees as Council members.

Point 6 – Election of General Secretary by the Council:

No new nominations were received and Jean-Pierre Beurtheret was re-elected unanimously.

Point 7 – Election of one Vice President by the Council:

Toni Kelo was nominated and no objections were received. Toni Kelo was elected unanimously.

Point 8 – Determination of Annual Membership Fee:

Proposal: status quo – Ludy Starke proposed and Wulf Post seconded that the Annual membership fee remain the same. The vote was unanimous to keep the membership fee at €1.25 per Metallic Silhouette shooter with a minimum of €60 and a maximum of €600 per country.

Point 9 – Sporting rules modifications (detail hereafter):

1. GTR – Section 1 – A Freestyle. Ludy Starke asked why this Rule modification was necessary. Jean-Pierre explained that in Europe some competitors are using the diopter as an aid in the prone position in the Small Bore Pistol events. The Rules must be made more precise to assist the Referees in enforcing the Rules. It is also of great importance that the Match Director enforces the rules. Voting took place and the motion was carried.
2. GTR – Section 1 – B Standing. Voting was unanimous and the motion was carried.
3. GTR – Section IV – A Allowed – a) Shooting Mat. After a discussion it was decided to amend the Rule by adding the words “or used” after folded. Voting was unanimous and the motion was carried with amendment. The sentence will read: This mat must be of uniform thickness and cannot be folded or used to gain any support.
4. GTR – Section IV – B - First sentence – No part of the forend may protrude in a direction which is not parallel to the bore’s axis was carried unanimously. Voting was postponed on the second sentence regarding the distance between the underside of the barrel and the nearest generatrix of the fore end cannot exceed 1.5” (38mm). This rule must be finalized before the end of 2010. Jean-Pierre to circulate the measurements of the gap and the overall measurement to all to be verified and decided.

Points discussed regarding this matter:

- Gap Distance 38mm
 - Height measurement from top of barrel to bottom of fore end.
 - 5mm clearance between barrel and fore end.
 - The gap of Hammerli must be verified.
 - This rule is for Production and Unlimited events.
 - Ascertain if any firearms will be excluded.
 - The new stocks for Production firearms are made wider by manufacturers.
 - The manufacturers must be informed of the pending decision IMSSU will be making.
 - The rule must be demonstrated with diagrams and pictures in Rule book.
5. GTR – Section IV – j) Extractor. Voting was unanimous and the motion carried.
The date of implementation of the above Rules will be 1 January 2011.
 6. STR for the Field Pistol category – A – Events – Following discussions, voting took place – For the change – 18; against the change – 8; abstention – 2. Motion carried.
The date of implementation of this rule will be 1 January 2013.

7. Pistol used for shoot offs. The difficulty to verify that no sight insert change is made for the shoot offs was pointed out. Besides, there is already a provision in the rules for such a case. In the General Technical Rules for all metallic silhouette discipline shooting categories, Section VI (Shooting events procedures and competition rules), B.Firearm certification, it is written "The same firearm, barrel, grips, **SIGHTS**, etc..., shall be used throughout a particular course of fire, unless it should cease to function (see section VI-G Alibis)". And in H.Shoot offs, it is written "Competitors must use the same firearm used for the original course of fire, unless replaced as per G.ALIBIS". It is up to the range officers to verify that these rules are enforced. All member countries delegates must inform their range officers to take care of this aspect of the rules.

Point 10 – Errors to be corrected in the sporting rules (details hereafter):

Voting took place and was accepted unanimously. Motion carried.

Point 11 – Creation of a set of rules for air gun competition (details hereafter):

1. It was proposed that Air Rifle and pistol matches will be official IMSSU events and will be included in the IMSSU Rules; however the individual country may decide if they will host these event or not. This point was accepted unanimously by all.
2. Shooting positions will only be Standing - no Freestyle. This point was accepted unanimously.
3. Events will be Production Pistol Standing and Production Rifle Standing. This point was accepted unanimously.
4. Shooting distances:

Pistol -	Chickens	: 9 meters
	Pigs	: 12 meters
	Turkeys	: 15 meters
	Rams	: 18 meters
Rifle -	Chickens	: 18 meters
	Pigs	: 25 meters
	Turkeys	: 32 meters
	Rams	: 39 meters

This point was accepted unanimously by all.
5. A tolerance of plus or minus of 2.5% is allowed. This point was accepted unanimously.

Point 12 – Request from Greece:

The application from Greece was accepted unanimously. The General Secretary will follow up.

Point 13 – Disabled Shooters:

After much discussion it was decided that this matter needs more research and countries must report back to IMSSU with proposals. For now disabled shooters will have to comply with and compete under the current IMSSU rules.

Point 14 – Examination and vote about the candidacy for the 2012 Championships:

South Africa was the only application and it was accepted. Mr. De Lange asked the assembly if they would like the Championships in Bloemfontein or in Cape Town and it was the opinion of all that they would prefer the Atlantis range in Cape Town.

Point 15 – Manufacture of IMSSU items to be sold through the web site:

1. This matter needs to be investigated in more detail.
2. Designs to be submitted to members.
3. The matter of control was discussed.
4. Michel Boulanger commented that IMSSU is not a commercial enterprise and IMSSU needs to contract a business to manufacture and handle selling and postage of the items.
5. This matter will stay in progress.

Meeting closed at 11.55pm. The President thanked the assembly for attending and the constructive and harmonious manner in which it was conducted.

Rob BOUTCHER
IMSSU President

Jean-Pierre BEURTHÉRET
IMSSU General Secretary



The details of the points examined by the Assembly are on the following pages.

SPORTING RULES MODIFICATIONS (in blue)

The following rules will be enforced from 01/01/2011.

GENERAL TECHNICAL RULES for all handguns categories

SECTION I: Shooting positions

A. Freestyle

Any safe shooting position without artificial support. No part of the handgun, and its sighting apparatus, and the shooter's hand(s) holding the pistol up to the wrist, are allowed to come in contact with the face of the shooter or the head equipment (cap, shooting glasses, shields, ear muffs,...). The firearm may only come in contact with the competitor's body and/or clothing. No part of the firearm may touch the ground or ground cover. The firearm must be held in such a manner that a match official can easily see that these rules are being complied with and that the firearm is visibly clear of the ground at all times when in the firing position. The shooter's equipment (cap, shields, etc.) must allow a Match Official to easily see that these rules are being complied with at all times when in the firing position. A competitor placing a shoe or boot sideways on the ground must not place any part of the firearm on the heel. This position will be allowed only if the shooter's hand, or some portion thereof, is placed between the firearm and the heel. Nesting the barrel in the top part of a shoe or boot, or across the sole notch of the heel, constitutes artificial support and is not allowed.

B. Standing

The shooter must assume a safe standing position with the firearm supported only by one or both hands.

No part of the shooter's body may be artificially supported in any way. No part of either arm, from the shoulder to the wrist, is allowed to come in contact with any other part of the shooter's anatomy or may be artificially supported in any way.

The shooter's hands may only contact his/her handgun and sighting apparatus. The shooter's hands may be in contact one with each other. The handgun and its sighting apparatus may be in contact with the shooter's hands only.

The firearm must be held in such a manner that a Match Official can easily see that these rules are being complied with at all times when in the firing position.

The shooter's equipment (cap, shields, etc.) must allow a Match Official to easily see that these rules are being complied with at all times when in the firing position.

Nevertheless, for shooters assuming the one handed ISSF shooting stance, the non shooting hand may rest on the waist, in the pocket, in the belt, ..., assuming the spirit of the rules expressed in the former paragraph is enforced.

GENERAL TECHNICAL RULES for all handguns categories

Section IV: Allowed – not allowed

The following equipment/accessories/attitudes are allowed:

a) Shooting mat:

A flat shooting mat or ground cover of a thickness not to exceed 25.4mm (1"). This mat must be of uniform thickness and cannot be folded or used to gain any support.

SECTION IV: ALLOWED - NOT ALLOWED

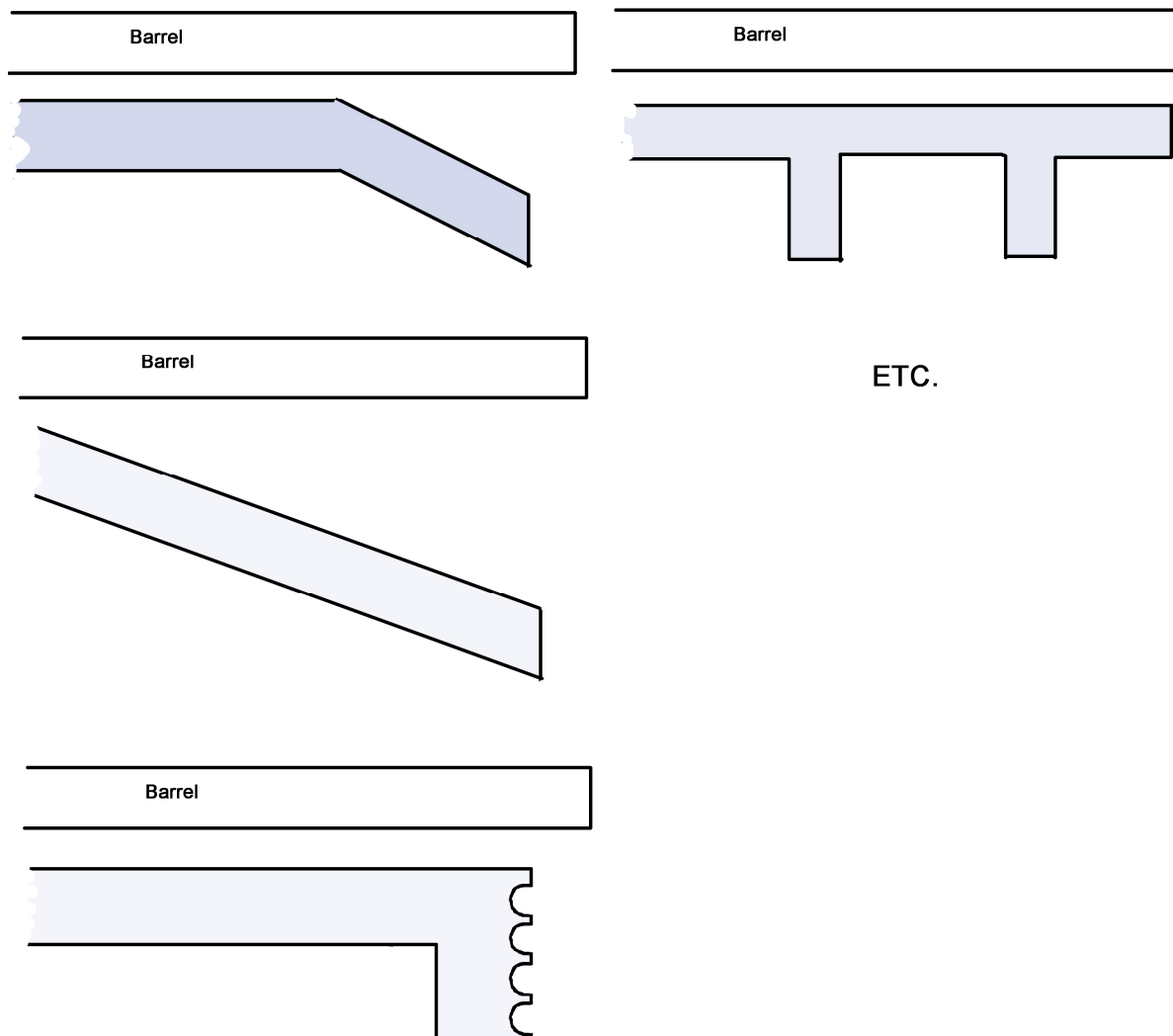
B. Not Allowed

i) ~~Shaped~~ forends ([Production and Unlimited firearms](#)):

“Funny forends” with wedges or melon slices cut out of one or both sides with the idea of providing a contour effect to fit the shooter's leg or some other part of his anatomy as a shooting aid. All these and any other variations are violating the artificial rest rule. Match Directors and juries have the authority to rule on any funny forend at any match. If, in their opinion, any of these funny forends violates either the artificial rest rule, the spirit of the rule, or both, they have the authority to refuse the entry of any such firearm in any IMSSU match ([Unlimited firearms](#)).

No part of the forend may protrude in a direction which is not parallel to the bore's axis.

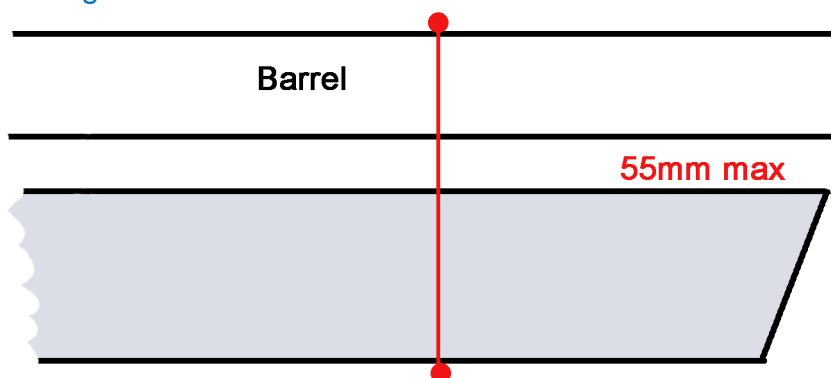
Examples of forbidden forends which illustrate the spirit of the rule:



It is not allowed to hold a pistol by slipping the fingers or any part of the hand between the barrel and the forend, freestyle or standing.

The distance between the upper side of the barrel and the underside of the forend (taken at the middle of the barrel) cannot exceed 55 mm.

Drawing not to scale:



GENERAL TECHNICAL RULES for all handguns categories

Section IV: Allowed – not allowed

B. Not allowed

j) Extractor.

All handguns must be equipped with a device which partially or totally extracts the empty case or an unfired cartridge from the chamber. Pistols without such a device are not allowed.

The following rule will be enforced from 01/01/2013.

STR for the Field Pistol category

A - Events

Events	Shooting position	Pistol used
Production	Standing	Any Production handgun as per Big Bore (no diopters)
Production any sights	Standing	Any Production scoped or not scoped handgun with any kind of sights

The following point will be immediately enforced.

ERRORS TO BE CORRECTED

General Technical Rules for all handguns categories.

Section II.

Paragraph A: "No part of the front sight post or blade (with the exception of a ~~production~~ hood) ..."

Paragraph E:

No main part, except for the barrel, may be duplicated. Depending of the type of handgun, such main parts are:

- frame,
- barrel,
- slide,
- cylinder,
- breech,
- bolt,
- action.

Replacement barrels must also be chambered in a calibre originally offered by the manufacturer.

RULES FOR AIR GUN COMPETITION

These rules are immediately included in the IMSSU Sporting Rules, but air gun competitions are facultative events at the will of the matches sponsors. It is a beginning which may be modified according to circumstances.

Usable pistols and rifles:

- ❖ Production Pistol with classic post and notch sighting apparatus. No diopters, no scopes or other optical devices.
- ❖ Production Rifle. Any sights may be used. Adjustable buttplates must be centered. Adjustable combs may be raised no more than 1" (25.4 mm) above the lowest position. Forend palm rests cannot be used.

Production pistols and rifles:

Any 4.5 mm (.177") pistol or rifle which conforms to the criteria and specifications of the ISSF rules.

Ammunitions:

4.5 mm (.177) lead pellets.

Shooting positions:

- ❖ Pistol:
 - Standing.
- ❖ Rifle:
 - Standing.

Events:

- ❖ Production pistol Standing.
- ❖ Production rifle Standing.

Targets:

Chickens and pigs should be made from 4mm and turkeys and rams from 3mm or nearest equivalent steel plate. Their size is 1/10th of full size targets.

Size of the feet:

Chicken, Pig and Turkey: width ¾" or 19mm, length 1" or 25mm.
Ram: width ¾" or 19mm, length 2" or 50mm.

Shooting distances:

- ❖ Handguns:
 - Chickens: 9 m.
 - Pigs: 12 m.
 - Turkeys: 15 m.
 - Rams: 18 m.

- ❖ Rifles:
 - Chickens: 18 m.
 - Pigs: 25 m.
 - Turkeys: 32 m.
 - Rams: 39 m.

A tolerance of plus or minus 2.5 % is allowed.

The storage of reservoir tanks for either compressed air or CO₂ is prohibited on the firing line or in adjacent spectator areas.

All others IMSSU Sporting rules apply.

The organization of air gun matches is not mandatory during Continental and World Championships. Organizers can organize air gun competitions as side events at their will.